

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 789 - SB 882

March 5, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Excludes pest control operators applying herbicide for control of weeds in conjunction with commercial lawn and landscape maintenance practices from the license and insurance requirements of a commercial pest control operator. Defines requirements for certification as a "limited herbicide applicator".

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Decrease State Revenue – Net Impact - \$9,000/Agriculture
Regulatory Fund**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Agriculture, approximately 15 percent of those currently licensed and chartered in Horticulture, Lawn and Turf would no longer need this license resulting in an annual decrease of \$16,977 (\$15,090 charter fees + \$1,887 license fees). A decrease in the number of applicants sitting for the license examination would result in a decrease in revenue of \$1,238. Total decrease in revenue of \$18,215 (\$16,977 + \$1,238).
- According to the Department of Agriculture, the number of individuals sitting for a certification examination would increase by 40 percent for a total increase in revenue of \$9,198 per year. This increase in revenue will partially offset the decrease and will result in a net decrease of \$9,017 (\$18,215 - \$9,198).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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